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Banning of the Red Flag Vivasayigal Sangam, a Communist Party in Tanjore.

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MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri Sivaraj is not in his place. The answer to this question will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI N. SIVARAJ : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether it is a fact that leading mirasdars and the Taluk Congress Committee of Nannilam taluk have sent memorandum to the Government in 1954 requesting the Government to ban the Red Flag Vivasayigal Sangam, a Communist Party in the Tanjore district and demanding the stationing of a Military force for their safety?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No such memorandum has been received by the Government."

Fares charged by small taxis in the City of Madras.

* 467 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many small taxis are running in the City of Madras and the rate per mile they can charge;

(*b*) how many small new cars and old cars are permitted to run as small taxis; and

(*c*) up to what year (model) the cars are allowed to run or converted into taxis?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) 16. The maximum fare that can be charged for such a taxi is six annas per mile subject to a minimum of eight annas and waiting charges at annas two for every ten minutes of waiting.

" (*b*) One new car and 19 old cars.

" (*c*) All cars that are roadworthy, i.e., having a valid fitness certificate and satisfying the requirements of the Motor Vehicles Act and Rules are issued permits to ply as baby taxis."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" சென்னையில் டாக்ஸியில் **(Taxi)** சவாரி செய்யக் கூடியவர்கள் எத்தனை பேர்கள், எத்தனை மைல்கள் சவாரி செய்கிறார்கள் என்ற குறிப்பு அரசாங்கத்தினிடம் இருக்கிறதா ?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Obviously I want notice, Sir. I have no information on hand. Moreover, it would be difficult to collect the statistics also." (Laughter.)

SRI A. RATNAM :—" ஸ்டேட் டிரான்ஸ்போர்ட் பஸ்களைப்போன்று டாக்ஸி **(Taxi)** களையும் அரசாங்கம் எடுத்து நடத்த ஏதாவது உத்தேசம் உண்டா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR :—" Is there any proposal before Government to increase the number of these small taxis? "